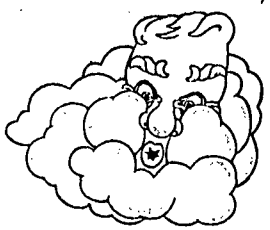


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Plan to cause reorganization

Hubbard, faculty support plan to eliminate college, restructure departments

By CHRIS TRIEBSCHE
CHIEF REPORTER

If the proposed changes in University positions go into effect as stands, many people will have to do major adjusting.

The proposal would not only eliminate one of the colleges, but it would move many of the departments to a different college.

University President Dean Hubbard said the restructuring would be beneficial to students because most of the general education classes would be in one college.

"There will be more collaboration between the faculty teaching the courses," Hubbard said. "So it will provide a better general education experience for our students and that is the whole reason for doing it."

Hubbard said the University would save about \$200,000 from this reorganization. He said students would also benefit from the lower costs.

"Anytime you keep costs down, you help students financially," he said. "But it also helps students if you improve quality. If you do it cheaper, as long as it does not compromise quality, everyone is ahead."

Jessica Elgin, Student Senate president, also said she thinks the proposal will be beneficial to students.

"I think it is a good program in that it lets the faculty have more say-so in decision making," Elgin said. "In the long run it will benefit students because faculty know what students need, and students will get a better education."

The potential of regrouping departments could also affect students. Hubbard said the colleges may consolidate some departments, which would create fewer departments than the University currently has.

The proposal would also affect the current deans. Ron DeYoung, dean of Business, Government, and Computer Science, and Joseph Ryan, dean of Education, would remain deans and the other dean's position would be



University President Dean Hubbard believes the reorganization will be very beneficial.

filled by July.

Gerald Brown, dean of Agriculture and Science and Robert Sunkel, dean of Arts and Humanities, both said they were not interested in applying for the available dean's position, although Hubbard said they would have been serious candidates.

Hubbard said Brown would probably fill the interim position of dean if this proposal takes effect.

Sunkel would probably return to an instructor's role. He said he is not far from retirement and he wanted to return to teaching before retiring.

All the deans said they thought the proposal would have its benefits.

"From the information I have from the task force, I can certainly see benefits to it," Sunkel said. "There will be problems, but that always occurs when you have reorganization."

Ryan said he would have to adapt to the changes.

"I think history tells us, when we have had reorganizations in the past, they have worked," Ryan said. "With the new creation of Arts and Sciences, the vast majority of general studies will be in that college and the function of that college would work more efficiently and effectively with one dean overseeing and facilitating the whole process."

In addition, DeYoung said the changes might cause disruption.

"Whenever you have a change it quite frequently creates disruption with people because you are dealing with human beings," DeYoung said.

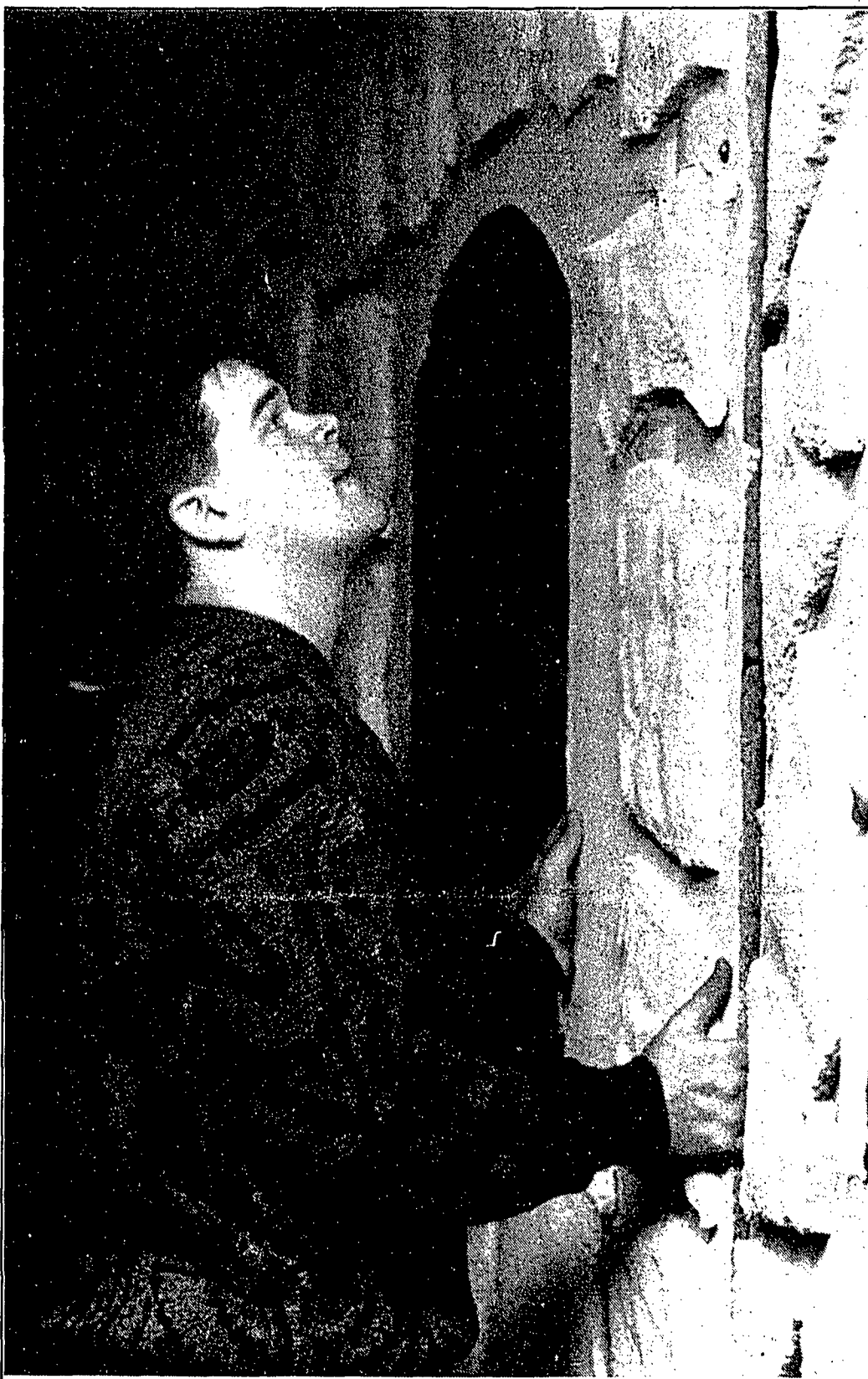
"So, as a dean, I have to act as a leader to help," he said.

Both DeYoung and Ryan said they would have different responsibilities.

"If the departments of Agriculture and Mass Communications come into the college, then those are new areas and they have to get acclimated to us and the current people need to get acclimated to them," he said.

READY FOR A FEASTE

Yuletide Feaste to imitate Renaissance style



SARAH ELLIOTT/Contributing Photographer

SCOTT WIEDERSTEIN HELPS put up the set for the Yuletide Feaste. The sold-out performance is in its 21st year and will be

entertaining 1,180 people this year. Since the past nine years have been sell-outs, this year the group will perform an additional show.

By JAMIE HATZ
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Imagine a night of chivalry and knights in a time of kings, queens and castles. It is a magical night that includes tons of food and the Christmas spirit. The only difference from the Bonner Springs, Kan., Renaissance Festival in October is that this one is in December at Northwest.

This is the 21st year of the Northwest Yuletide Feaste. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday in the Union Ballroom.

"The Union Ballroom will be transformed into a magical land of castles," Richard Weymuth, director and associate professor of music, said. "For two and a half hours, one can be taken back into a time of Renaissance."

There are 35 singers, nine actors and four trumpet players. The recorder was the instrument of the time.

"The purpose of the magical feaste is to promote the Christmas season and what it means," Allison Mizerski said. "Performing a Christmas production creates a special feeling and there is a bond with the show, performers and the audience."

Seating is limited to 320 people per night. However, every performance is already sold-out.

"People drive from all over the Midwest to attend the Yuletide Feaste," Weymuth said. "It has been sold-out for the last nine years."

Nine years ago 179 people attended the feaste. This year's attendance has increased to 1,180.

"It is a major magical feaste held in the Midwest," Weymuth said. "Faculty and the townspeople look forward to the wonderful excitement of the Yuletide Feaste every year."

The Yuletide Feaste features a command performance by Northwest's Madralier Singers, under Weymuth's direction. The evening also features other musical entertainment and performances by theater majors.

They perform as the king and queen and their court. The king will be portrayed by Jay Folger and Tracey Vogel will play the queen.

"The lord high steward and I hate each other in the performance," Mizerski said. "I get to be very physical, exaggerated and outspoken—it is loosely structured and improvising is the key."

The Madralier Singers will perform a selection of traditional and Madralier Christmas carols. Songs such as "Silent Night" and the "Coventry Carol" will be performed.

People are not there only for the performances. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet with fresh cheese and fruits.

"Chefs were brought in to make the ice sculptures," Weymuth said. "A real wild boar will be brought in to add to the Renaissance feeling."

IN MEMORIAM



A SIGMA PHI EPSILON fraternity brother of Geoff Steinkuehler reads a letter from the deceased football player's parents at Wednesday's memorial service at the Memorial Bell of '48. Steinkuehler died in a car accident on Nov. 20 on U.S. Highway 136 east of Tarkio, Mo.

RUSS WEYDERT/Northwest Missourian

Faculty Senate approves plan

By CHRIS TRIEBSCHE
CHIEF REPORTER

The first step in restructuring the University's academic governance has been taken.

With the proposed reshuffling of University job descriptions ready to go before the Board of Regents Tuesday, Faculty Senate passed the proposal by a vote of 16-2 with three abstentions Wednesday.

Phil Lucido, biology professor, voted against the amendment. He said he was concerned with the fact that it already seemed to be carved in stone.

At a special town hall meeting that took place Friday, Lucido asked twice whether the proposal would go through regardless of what the faculty had to say. Lucido said he never received an answer to his question from University President Dean Hubbard or any of the other task force members.

"Why didn't Hubbard say yes or no when I asked?" Lucido said. "That leads me to believe it is a done deal."

Richard Fulton, task force member, said he thinks the elimination of one of the colleges is a done deal, but the department arrangement is not.

Another concern expressed at the meeting was the size of the first college.

There would be 115 faculty members in that college, while the other colleges would have only 50 members.

Some senators wanted to vote on the issue of the college restructuring separately from the department proposals, but that was voted down 10-7.

The proposal has drawn a lot of reaction throughout the campus. Many like some aspects, but not others. "Our opposition would be that we would like to

stay with the business department because we work with economics," Jerry Brekke, government professor, said. "We think we can serve students better by staying in our own department."

The agriculture department is concerned with keeping its identity at the University because it is one of the three major emphasis areas mentioned in the mission statement of the University.

"The main thing the agriculture department is concerned with is having their name in one of the colleges for recruitment purposes," Gerald Brown, dean of Agriculture and Sciences, said.

The agriculture department, although concerned, is not taking a stand against the amendment.

There were also disagreements on the task force. Ed Farquhar, task force member, said he was happy with the way things were before, but was not opposed to restructuring.

Ron DeYoung, dean of Business, Government and Computer Science, said reorganization means change.

"What the University is hoping to accomplish is to have a greater emphasis on general education studies, and if you change the focus of emphasis, sometimes that calls for change in organization,"

DeYoung said.

Some of the faculty are concerned that they may not have had enough input. However, Don Nothstine, task force member, said 80 percent of the plan was written by the faculty members on the force.

Patricia Bowers Schultz, task force member and Faculty Senate president, said she was happy that the faculty were able to give their input.

OUR VIEW

College reorganization provides quality where it counts

After reviewing different methods of academic governance, the task force has proposed a plan that would consolidate the four colleges into three, which makes good sense.

The Board of Regents should approve this proposal because it gives the faculty more input on decisions and saves time and money for the University as well.

In the past, administrators made the decisions concerning the development of objectives, methods of instruction, curriculum and degree requirements.

This process is often long and drawn-out, but the new plan would save lots of time while eliminating some of the hated bureaucracy.

In order for faculty to effectively carry out new responsibilities, the task force has developed the idea of faculty teams. These teams would consist of every faculty member in a particular department and the teams themselves would choose the team leader,

formerly known as the department chair.

This form of governance is no stranger to hundreds of today's most effective businesses, and it should have been implemented sooner. It makes sense to give faculty members the power and responsibility to make decisions that concern their departments.

In essence, this plan places the decision-making responsibilities in the hands of people who know first hand what is going on.

The reorganization of the colleges will streamline the University. The elimination of one college may cause some confusion and raise several questions at first, but in the end it will save the University money.

Right away, this proposal would eliminate one dean's salary, the support staff, benefits and the budget that accompany that position.

In fact, University President Dean Hubbard estimates that the proposed cut could save \$200,000 in

the next few years. He also said that the reorganization of departments could save money.

He said, for example, if four department chairs were eliminated, the University would gain one faculty member because each chair only teaches 25 percent of the time a regular faculty member does.

Along with these changes, the task force, chaired by Hubbard, has also redefined the vice president for Academic Affairs position.

Since faculty members expressed their desire to retain the position, it makes sense for the University, with its new plan, to redefine this position.

The next step for the task force will be to hire a vice president for Academic Affairs. They will also appoint a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Board of Regents should approve this proposal that would save time and money while eliminating bureaucracy.

CAMPUS VOICE

Do you think a moment of silence would be appropriate in public schools?

"I think it's all right. It would give people that wanted to be involved in their religion to do so, and those who don't can just sit there for a few minutes."



Dennea Baker

"It would allow students a chance to pray, and it would give them a choice which they do have a right to choose."



Suzanne Garrett

"I think it would be good because it wouldn't infringe on anyone's religious or personal beliefs because they have the option to do it if they want because they aren't forced to do it."



Maggie Shelley

"It's not hurting anything; it's not implying anything. I think people are too uptight about the whole prayer thing. I think it's a good idea because for those who want to pray, it could be a reminder because it's not forcing them to do anything."



Lisa Tummel

"I don't think they should do that. They can (pray) on their own time. It just wastes school time."



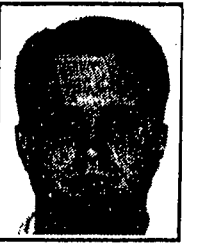
Kelly Locke

"It would probably be better than prayer because people might not want to pray. Those that don't could just sit instead of forcing prayer on them."



Jessie Kent

"It's a good idea because it gives them the ability to pray if they want, but it doesn't infringe upon other students' beliefs."



Lowell Messer

MY TURN

Crayons: all I want this Christmas



Colleen Cooke
Copy Director

Every year for Christmas as long as I can remember, I asked for a brand-spanking-new 64-pack of crayons. It wasn't that I just didn't have any of my own, but the ones we had were leftovers from

school. The reds weren't sharp anymore, and most of them were broken or the strange colors that nobody uses.

The best part about opening a brand-new pack of crayons is taking a whiff of its waxy odor and revelling in row after row of perfectly crisp tops. First, I'd dump them all out and carefully arrange them in order by color and section. Then I'd color its inaugural picture—usually of a white house by a pond—and present it to my mom.

Unfortunately, after this, the box would have to go back to the pile of school supplies and wait until art class in grade school to be used again.

After about seven or 10 Christmases, I probably should have given up asking, but by that time it had gotten to be a tradition for me. While my other whims had changed, that classic standard had remained the same.

That seems to be true of a lot of Christmas wishes. Walk through Wal-Mart and you'll see the aisles littered with Power Rangers paraphernalia or "Lion King" leftovers until you're ready to puke. These are filling little kids' dreams this Christmas.

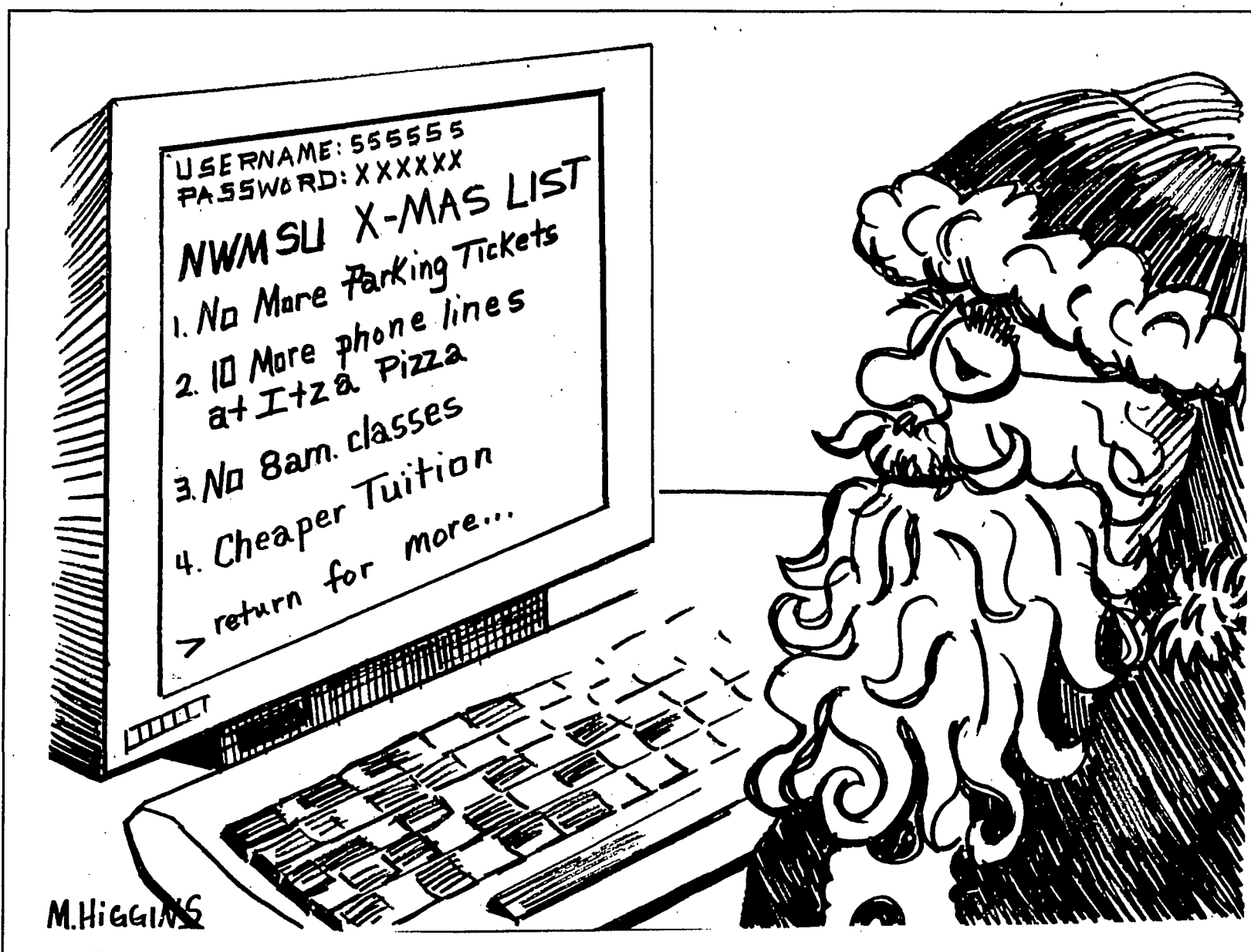
However, take a few extra steps into the back of the toy section and things are dramatically different. Instead of fads or cheap knock-offs, you'll see the toys you wished for when you were younger—Slinky and bubbles and squirt guns. And of course, crayons—every kind and size imaginable.

If I could have one Christmas wish this year, it would not be for crayons. See, I've grown up and have money of my own and I have the 96-pack now. It would be that everyone—child and especially adult—realize that it's not the number of toys or the name brand of clothes that matters. It's the meaning behind these gifts. I don't know how many kids will always cherish a yellow ranger sweatshirt or a Simba pillow the way they would the look on a parent's face when they give mom a proud crayon creation.

Christmas doesn't have to be a collection of expensive gifts. It can be a time to look back to what has always made a difference in your life. This could mean people or places, or even crayons.

It's been said many times before that we should be looking for more meaning in Christmas, but with crayons, we have a chance to actually practice that.

So, even if you don't ever get them, keep asking for crayons for Christmas. In that small way, you can celebrate this holiday without the glitter and tinsel, but with white houses with blue trimming, sitting by a lake...



PURPOSE AND POLITICS

Asian treasures draw America toward more foreign policy



Hawkeye Wilson
Chief Staff

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation tears down trade barriers between United States and other countries

To paraphrase a familiar quote: "Go east, young man, go east."

The theme, or I should say recurring theme, throughout history has been to head to the Far East and seek the riches and dreams the region holds.

Now it has been replaced, and adventurers are encouraged to seek out economic opportunities.

Even President Clinton has jumped on the bandwagon. If he is remembered for anything, it will be for his ability to etch different acronyms into his bedpost. First it was NAFTA, then GATT and now the newest agreement, APEC.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation would tear down the trade barriers and increase investment between the United States and 17 other countries, emphasizing mainly in the Pacific Basin region.

However, have not figures like Marco Polo and 17th century explorers been promising the answers to everyone's dreams in the Far East? I am skeptical that the next century will be the Asian century when everyone has been saying the same thing about that region for centuries.

With the Cold War over, the United States is returning to its roots and fighting its battle with companies instead of battalions. The new weapons are facsimiles and laptop computers instead of tanks and submarines.

With the reduction of trade barriers to be achieved by 2020, American companies will be able to compete and fight for markets in other countries, and wars will be fought in the boardrooms instead of the battlefields.

The trade agreement is ambitious. It will create the world's largest free

trading area, one that spans four continents and encompasses countries that now account for more than half the world economy and more than 40 percent of its trade.

Parts of a product can be made in Malaysia and Thailand and then shipped to be assembled in Singapore. Companies can take advantage of cheaper labor and customers can take advantage of cheaper products.

Should the United States be wary of moving into such an agreement? The Asian countries' governments have cuddled closely with its industries, (the same thing the United States did with its industries in the 19th century), and now they are expected to unhand its companies to foreign competition?

It is hard to believe that Japan, given its comfortable trade deficit with the United States, will give up so easily just because it is signing an agreement. Japan's government and industries are so close that if anything is accomplished, it will probably be at an embarrassing pace for the region.

Indonesia and China have become widely known around the world for human rights violations, and the United States seems to be handing these countries the carrot instead of the stick in its negotiations. Are U.S. citizens prepared to use products that were assembled in Chinese labor camps?

Whatever the outcome, the leaders of 18 nations have made a commitment to advance the world's largest trading area into a new era of free trade.

As the theme "go east, young man, go east" continues to ring in Clinton's head, the United States has signed into the dreams implanted from Marco Polo's tales.

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Forums prove successful

Information generated through public input on Mozingo Lake area

By JASON CISPER
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Although the final open forum was last Saturday, there is still plenty of work ahead for the Mozingo Project committee.

The forums, which were Saturday mornings at Maryville High School, were originally designed to keep the public informed on the committee's ideas. Hunting, fishing, camping and the construction of a golf course were among the prominent topics.

Greg Reichert, Mozingo committee member, said the forums proved beneficial to all parties involved.

"The biggest thing that the community provided was a certain level of expertise," Reichert said.

He said members of the community were able to address the problems the committee was not able to answer.

David Middleton, committee member, said he thought the forums were a success.

"We got a lot of good information, and the community input was excellent," Middleton said.

Reichert and Middleton both said finishing the golf course is at the top of

the list, yet there has not been a completion date set.

"We will be able to do a lot more when the revenue from the golf course starts to come in," Middleton said.

Jeff Ferguson, committee member, said the golf course was important to the public as well.

"In general, the numbers were good, but the golf course (forum) had the largest turnout," Ferguson said.

Middleton said several interest groups attended the forums as well, such as a radio-controlled airplane club, RV campers and several horseback riding groups.

Meanwhile, the discussion of boating and hunting brought about several safety concerns, Reichert said.

"The area would be excellent for hunting, but safety was a big topic," Reichert said. "People won't want to camp there if the area isn't safe."

Reichert said a clubhouse is also going to be built. He said funds are somewhat lacking, but the committee plans to see the construction of a "first-class facility."

However, the conclusion of the forums did not mean the job was finished for the committee. They hope to have some of these projects completed by the first weekend in July.

"We're shooting for a July Fourth kickoff," Middleton said.

Mozingo Lake to open Jan. 1 for fishermen

For the fish living in the Mozingo Lake, there is no off-season.

The lake will be open for fishing Jan. 1, Jeff Ferguson, Mozingo Project committee member, said.

David Middleton, committee member, said the lake has already been partially stocked with bass, catfish and crappie.

He said the lake will be stocked with other fish as the weather allows.

The shallow water and lack of funds will prevent the lake from being monitored by a water patrol, yet there will be supervision, Ferguson said.

Greg Reichert, another Mozingo committee member, believes the number of people fishing will increase as the warmer weather approaches.

"There won't be many people out there in January, unless they're ice-fishing," Reichert laughed.

Holt Christmas tree graces White House

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

For the first time in history, the White House will be rockin' around a Missouri Christmas tree.

Lynn and Myron Schmitt, tree-farming brothers in Holt, Mo., and other family members traveled to Washington, D.C., Dec. 1, to deliver an 18.5-foot Colorado Blue Spruce to the Blue Room of the White House.

The Schmitts won the honor of providing the presidential tree by winning the annual Christmas tree shearing contest sponsored by the Missouri Christmas Tree Producers Association. They went on to place first in its national contest.

The family took a tour of the White House and met First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The state Christmas tree also came from Holt. After winning the MCTPA contest, the Schmitts won the right to deliver a tree to Gov. Mel Carnahan Tuesday. The tree is

currently standing outside Carnahan's office.

The trees came from the Schmitt Christmas Tree Farms. The business consists of two sites: Santa's Tree Farm in North Kansas City, Mo., and Santa's Forest north of Holt.

The Schmitts have been growing Christmas trees commercially since the early 1960s. Lynn Schmitt said the work is not as easy as it might seem.

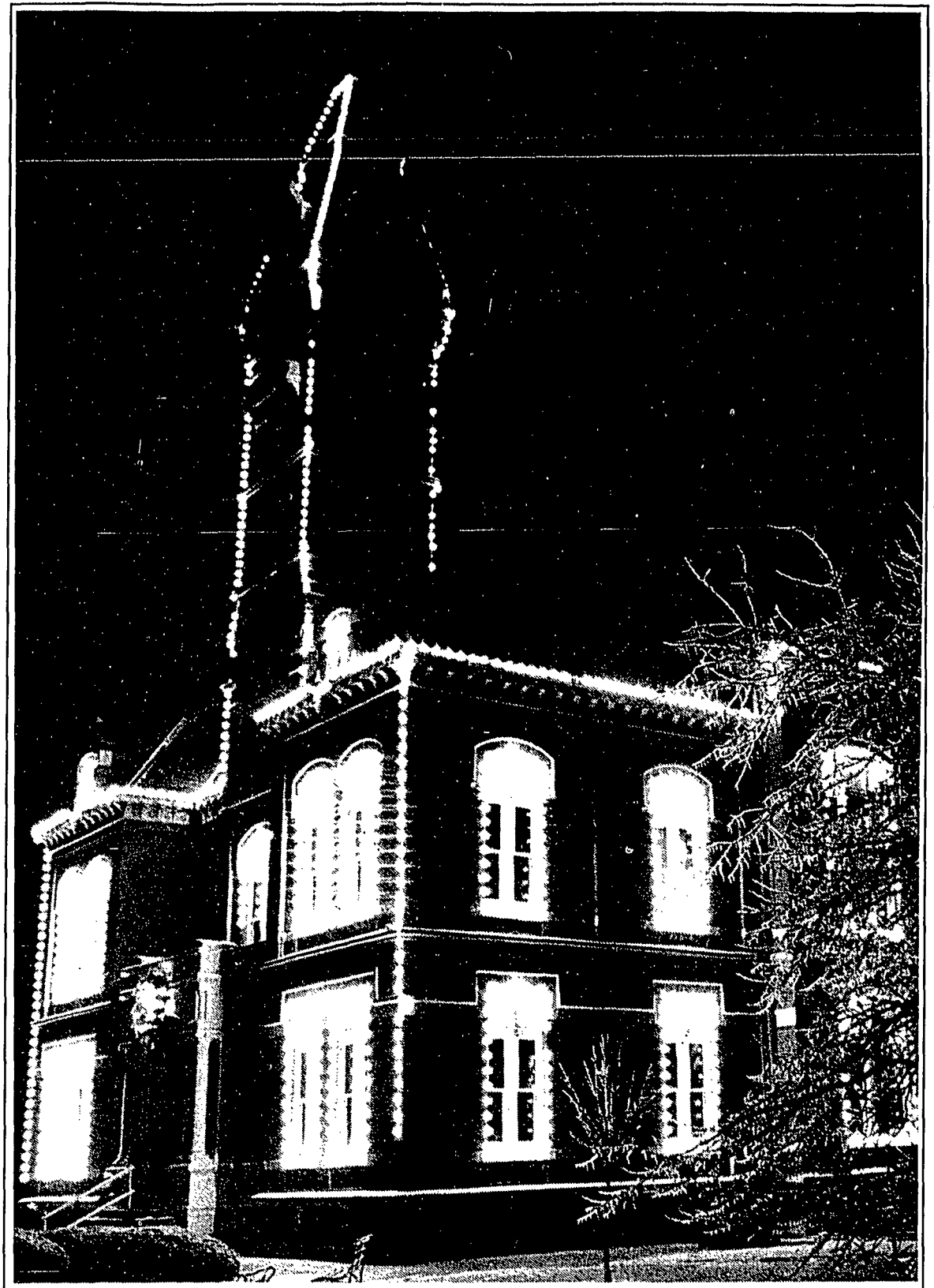
"It is a tremendous amount of work," he said. "Most people don't realize the amount of labor involved in pruning the trees to get an attractive shape or all the things that can go wrong."

Although the Schmitt family has won the state contest 10 of the last 12 years, it was not always this easy.

"We made every mistake in the world," Lynn Schmitt said. "We lost thousands of trees to weather, deer and other causes."

Although most of the Schmitts' tree sales are made on a choose-and-cut basis directly to consumers, the presidential tree was hand-delivered by the Schmitts' extended family.

LIGHTING UP THE SKIES



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THE NODAWAY COUNTY Courthouse illuminates streets. The building was decorated during warmer weather, but was officially turned on Nov. 26.

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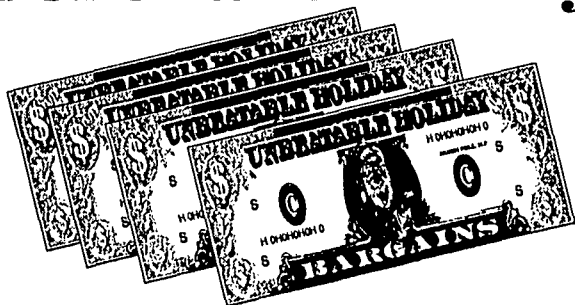
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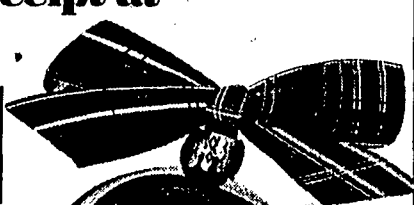
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At Theatres Soon

Ordinance discussion in limbo Student teachers find experiences rewarding

Possible restricted bar access for minors send community into dispute

By KELLY FERGUSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Allowing minors in bars is one of the questions city officials will be considering during the coming months.

The Maryville City Council has not yet drafted an ordinance restricting minors' access to bars.

In fact, no official discussion of such legislation has even been planned. However, David Angerer, Maryville city manager, said a concern arose during an informal planning discussion.

"There is some concern about the number of people under the age of 21 in the bars right now," Angerer said. "You know as well as I do that some of those people are served alcohol."

Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety, said the problem is not with minors' access to bars.

"I don't know as I would classify the problem as minors having access to the bars," he said. "I would say the problem is that the institutions serve alcohol to the minors who are present."

Wood estimated 20 to 25 minors have been charged with minor in possession at local bars since the beginning of the school year.

Some students also recognize these problems and would support a statute restricting minors' access to bars.

"I think that it's a good idea," Erin Pavlicek said.

"I am a Christian and I don't think that drinking is something that should take place anywhere, and if it does, it should take place within the law. I don't think a bar is the place for teenagers," she said.

Other students fear such legislation would hurt local businesses.

"If they put that in, I think bars will be shutting down," John Leonard said. "If you think about it, most freshmen, sophomores and juniors are under 21."



JACK VAUGHT/Contributing Photographer

ALTHOUGH THE CITY Council has not drafted an ordinance restricting minors' access to bars, such an ordinance could affect businesses like The Outback, which regularly features over/under nights.

The concern about business is not restricted to lost business from minors. Many fear older customers will avoid bars and choose private parties instead.

"A lot of older guys aren't going to go if the younger people aren't there," Brian Olson said.

Local bar owners agreed, indicating they would take action in opposition to any law restricting minors' access.

"I think it's wrong, and for one simple reason: it kills part of our business," Jerry Sturm, owner of The Pub, said. "Not so much here, but in other places."

Over the next couple of months, Angerer and other city officials will research the situation and consider alternatives to an ordinance.

"Before we pass legislation that's coercive, we are first going to see what people are willing to do voluntarily," Angerer said.

"It is my opinion that such legislation should be a last resort," he said. Wood said he thought the same thing and expressed an interest in working with the bars to reach a solution.

"If they would take the initiative themselves, then we wouldn't be forced to even be looking at this," he said.

Fred Pettit, owner of The Sports Page, said minors should not be restricted from the bar scene, rather they should just not be allowed to drink.

"We are already being regulated more than we should be," he said. "Local officials just keep taking our rights away, but not that my opinion counts in this town anyway."

Angerer said he will plan a meeting with bar owners, police officials and other people who would be affected within the next weeks.

If those efforts to reach a solution fail, the council may consider drafting an ordinance early next year.

Northwest's student teachers take their responsibilities seriously, and often their influences — negative and positive alike — come from past teachers of their own.

In many ways, student teachers are trapped somewhere between the adult world and their role as college students, which forms a delicate balance.

Deanna Alexander, who student-teaches at Washington Middle School, is aware of the generation gap.

"I consider myself a co-equal with the teachers I work with," she said. "But age is a factor. Most of the teachers I deal with are older and sometimes set in their ways. I can't relate with them as much as I'd like to."

Alexander said she considers her teaching method a product of personal experience.

"I had some bad teachers in high school," she said. "I had classes where I didn't learn anything. I don't want to be like that; I'd like students to learn from me. I take it as a personal insult when I see students sitting around, playing on the computer or not getting anything done."

Karla Giermann teaches history at Maryville High School. Giermann, who graduates in December, spends her day juggling her career as a teacher with her role as a student.

Relationships with students are critical, Alexander said.

"I believe my students consider me on an equal basis with their regular instructors," she said.

Education major Lia Ruiz shares an interesting relationship with the third grade class at Horace Mann School. Twice a week, Ruiz volunteers her time to teach Spanish.

While not yet an official student teacher, Ruiz believes she is preparing

herself for her final semester next fall.

"I was observing third graders for my education major," Ruiz said. "The school doesn't have a foreign language program, so I decided to teach Spanish. I get experience using things I will use in the future. I have a good time with the kids."

Ruiz, who was born in Mexico, already has experience teaching English to Spanish-speaking children. This, too, was on a volunteer basis.

Marsha Evans, third-grade instructor at Horace Mann, thinks highly of Ruiz's influence on students.

"When I realized her background, I automatically asked her if she would start teaching," Evans said. "She adds an element of excitement and authenticity. The children get along with her very well and very greatly anticipate the days she is present."

Ruiz, who originally met Evans through an education practicum, is happy with the collaboration they have achieved.

"The teacher thinks it's good for the kids, culturally," she said. "The class was having a unit on the Aztecs, and Spanish lessons were a good complement."

Ruiz's class is currently focusing on Spanish holiday traditions — complete with piñatas.

Student teachers agree that hands-on experience is better than typical classroom.

"Before I began teaching, I observed," Giermann said. "I sat in class, tutored and graded papers. Ruiz, who has been volunteer-teaching since October, believes her experience is far more enlightening than an average class schedule."

"It's much better than just sitting in a classroom," she said.

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Seminar helps smokers kick harmful addiction

By ANDREA FRIEDMAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

To quit smoking can be a difficult task, not just for the first few days, but for the rest of the ex-smoker's lifetime. "Fresh Start," a program designed by the American Cancer Society to help smokers kick the habit, finished its last session on campus Thursday.

Jeff Barlow, director of Environmental Services and instructor of the program, said anyone interested in going through the program should contact him.

If at least four people are interested, he will repeat the program.

"Fresh Start" is designed to help anyone who is addicted to any form of tobacco, including cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

The program met for four one-hour sessions. The program uses a workbook designed to help participants stop smoking.

"If all it is is a habit, it's not hard to break," Barlow said. "But if you're

chemically or physically addicted, that is hard to break. (Smokers) need a program to help them quit."

The program has a 25-30 percent success rate, which Barlow said is much higher than if smokers try to quit on their own.

He said some people may have to go through the program two or three times before they are successful.

Mike Jackson, who had been smoking for 15 years and went through the program seven years ago, only had to go through it once.

"I thought it was a pretty good program," he said. "They had a variety of things - tips and stuff, and not all of them worked for all people."

The smoking sessions give smokers tips on managing the first few days they stop smoking and how to handle obstacles as an ex-smoker such as getting through finals and other stressful situations.

Barlow, who stopped smoking by using the program nine years ago, said it helps ex-smokers to plan ahead.



DANELLE PEDERSON PRACTICES her clarinet for the upcoming Wind Symphony concert. Directed by Al Sergel, the concert consisting of the Wind Symphony and the Brass Choir will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

JASON WENTZEL/Northwest Missourian

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

University wins awards

The offices of Public Relations and Publications have been notified that they have won awards in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District 6 competition.

The 30-second television spot, "I don't think so," earned an exceptional achievement first place award in the video advertising category.

Two recruitment videos also placed in the competition. "Your Ultimate Choice" won an excellence second place award and "The Ultimate Tool for Success" received a merit third place award.

The Northwest newsletter, "Northwest Live," earned a merit award.

Chuck Holley, coordinator of pho-

tographic services, won a merit award for a Bearcat football photograph in the sports photography competition.

Show spotlights talent

Mass communication students will air a live television program at noon today on Maryville Cable Television Channel 8.

Students enrolled in the Advanced TV Production are responsible for the telecast.

The program will feature musical groups such as the Distinguished Gentlemen and Three Men and a Melody.

The show will be repeated at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Music groups to present holiday concert

Brass Choir, Wind Symphony to play Christmas melodies; program targets all audiences

By KEITH RYDBERG
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Holiday music is among some of the oldest and most well-known of all music. Although some of the melodies are hundreds of years old, they still appeal to all generations, especially once winter fills the air.

The Brass Choir, conducted by John Entzi, associate director of bands, will open the concert with "Laudate Domine e Tympanus" by Palestrina. They will also perform "The Suite For Brass" by Labue and "A Suite of Christmas Carols" by Leroy Anderson.

This is the first time that there has been a full brass choir. In past years the brass section had been mostly divided into several brass quintets.

In the past, the concert has occurred toward the



Event: "Music for the Christmas Season"
Time: 3 p.m.
Date: Sunday
Place: Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Price: Free

beginning of December. However, Entzi said he thinks the concert works better closer to Christmas.

After the Brass Choir is finished, the Wind Symphony, under the direction of Al Sergel, will take the stage with "Variations on an Ancient Air," "Salvation" is Created by Tschonokoff, "The First Noel," arranged by Morton Gould, "A Christmas Carol Fantasy" and close with "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed.

Sergel said the concert has always been focused on holiday music in some way.

He said the concert is somewhat unusual because

it is the only Wind Symphony concert that has a definite theme.

Darcy Mickelson, principal alto saxophone, is the featured soloist for the concert.

She will perform "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "What Child is This" from "Christmas Concerto No. 2" by Robert Smith. She said she thought the Holiday Concert was a great idea.

"It helps to get people in the mood of Christmas," Mickelson said.

Jenny Elliott, Wind Symphony member, said the concert is a good recruiting tool for Northwest.

"I think the concert is very necessary because it brings in people from Maryville," Elliott said. "Also, if they like the Wind Symphony or Tower Choir, they are more likely to come to Encore events and things of that nature."

Sergel said the concert should prove entertaining for students.

"We'll be playing a lot of wonderful, powerful music and students would enjoy it," Sergel said.

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FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

FALL 1994

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Speech 102
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Computer Science 130
Mathematics 110, 114, 115, 118, 120
Chemistry Lab 113, 115, 117
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Wednesday, Dec. 14, 9:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, 9:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, 4:10 p.m.-6:10 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:

Wednesday, Dec. 14
4 p.m. Monday
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2 p.m. Tuesday

Thursday, Dec. 15

9 a.m. Monday
11 a.m. Tuesday
2 p.m. Monday
8 a.m. Tuesday

Friday, Dec. 16

1 p.m. Tuesday
noon Monday
10 a.m. Monday

Monday, Dec. 19

8 a.m. Monday
1 p.m. Monday
3 p.m., 3:30 p.m. or 3:35 p.m. Tuesday
noon or 12:35 p.m. Tuesday

Tuesday, Dec. 20

10 a.m. Tuesday
3 p.m. Monday
4 p.m. Tuesday

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Play proves pleasing to all ages

Children's performance creates festive mood, discovers holiday fun

By JAMIE HATZ
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Their enthusiastic little faces glowed with excitement. Some had to bounce to keep the spirit locked inside. It was finally their turn.

Suddenly, a group of 5-year-olds jumped up and screamed "Six geese a laying" and shook their little behinds and waddled their arms like birds.

"The Toys Take Over Christmas," performed Friday through Sunday, created a festive feeling as the traditional Christmas song traveled around the room.

Each group, led by a member of the cast, sang and performed a different day of Christmas from the song.

Other songs in the show included "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

"We had extremely attentive audiences," Shawn Krider, cast member, said. "Singing Christmas carols started the crowd interaction, and it lasted through the whole show."

Singing was not the only way the audience participated.

The actors used the children in the front row throughout the performance.

Paige Vandenburg played the evil toymaker and said she could not believe the creative responses from the children.

After asking the kids to describe being happy, a little girl in the front row said it was like being really

"smiley" and content.

"I really enjoyed the play," Brian Stark said. "The cast interacted well with the little kids, and that is what made it so fun."

Smiles continued to shine from the front row.

Dozens of miniature, squeaky voices answered the questions asked from the cast.

"Kid interaction is the most important aspect of the play," Vandenburg said. "When they talk to you, you know they understand and believe in the characters."

"The Toys Take Over Christmas" is about a heartless toymaker who makes lifelike dolls.

The toymaker refuses to share his creations with the children of the world.

By the end of the story, however, the toymaker finds a heart and discovers the true meaning of the holiday season.

The characters include wooden soldiers, a fashion doll, a clown and a raggedy doll named Sunny.

The main attraction of the performance was a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

"My favorite part is when the clown would jump in the air and do flips," 5-year-old Miranda said.

At the end of the play, the kids could sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

Alpha Psi Omega is donating all proceeds from the shows to help the Maryville Food Pantry. However, the real point of the play is to entertain the children.

"It is the best because it affects children and it is early enough that it gets people in the Christmas spirit," Krider said.



SARAH ELLIOTT/Contributing Photographer

MEMBERS OF "THE Toys Take Over Christmas" cast entertain children at Sunday's performance of the play. Donations taken at the door by Alpha Psi Omega are being given to the Maryville Food Pantry.

Computer networks raise ethical issues

Cyberspace harassment, chain letters, addictions generate user problems

By JULIET MARTIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Whether it is looking up a friend in the directory, having an encyclopedia handy or keeping track of long-distance phone charges, the convenience of having a computer terminal in every room is indisputable. But there can be drawbacks.

Computer harassment does take place at Northwest, John Rickman, director of Computing Services, said.

Harassment through e-mail, especially the use of chain letters, is one of the most common problems.

"I received a chain letter from a friend saying something bad would happen to me if I didn't reply," one student said.

Many are unaware of what to do if they receive a chain letter or other form of computer harassment.

Merlin Miller, user consultant at Computing Services, said the department requests a copy of the chain letter being sent.

If the sender of the letter is caught, he or she can lose e-mail and phone privileges for up to a year.

"I received a chain letter and sent it back because at the time I was unaware it was wrong to do that," Dawn Hardymartin said. "I lost my mail and phone privileges for a year."

Harassment through Iowa State Computer Association bulletin board system, a system that allows students to talk to others all over the world, also takes place frequently.

"I met this guy from Arizona through ISCA and he seemed really cool at first," one student said. "Then he started sending me threatening messages. Later I found out he had been sexually harassing another girl as well."

Harassment is not the only problem facing students with a computer. Many students find it hard to budget time between their classes and their terminals.

"Just from my personal experience, I have found many students have a hard time leaving the computer to make class," Tabatha Verbeck, User Consultant at Computing Services, said. "ISCA and MUDs (Multi-User Dungeons) seem to be the most common problems because of their internet access."

On a computerized campus where people are constantly using the system, Rickman said he believes there could be many more problems.

"Northwest has much fewer problems than most schools compared to our volume," he said. "I am very positive about the level of problems we face and our position."

Rules for the computer system are taught through e-mail workshops, the Using Computers course and a computer code of ethics which is listed in the 1994 user's guide on page 2.

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3:30 p.m. Leslie Hawk Nutrition Workshop in the University Club North.
4 p.m. AMA meeting in Northwest Room.
5 p.m. Journalism Diversity speakers in Charles Johnson Theater.
7 p.m. HALO meeting in Northwest Room.
7:30 p.m. Bearcat Sweethearts meeting in 243 Colder Hall.
Co-Rec Towerball begins in Student Rec Center.

9 Friday

3 p.m. Beta Sigma Phi meeting in Stockman's Room.
6:30 p.m. Yuletide Feast in Union Ballroom.
Faculty/Staff Registration in Registrar's Office.

10 Saturday

8 a.m. ACT and GRE in 228 Colder.
6:30 p.m. Yuletide Feast in Ballroom.

12 Monday

Classwork ends.
7:30 p.m. ComedySportz at University Conference Center.
Faculty/Staff Registration at Registrar's Office.
Study day.

13 Tuesday

Faculty/Staff Registration at Registrar's Office.
1:30 p.m. Board of Regents meeting in University Club.
7:30 p.m. Cafe Karma Underground in Ballroom.
Midnight Breakfast in Cats Commons.

14 Wednesday

Final Exams begin.
Drop/Add begins.
Faculty/Staff registration in Registrar's Office.
10 a.m. Support staff council meeting in University Club North.
7 p.m. Rodeo Club meeting in 209 Administration Building.

Keep yourself safe on the way home for the holidays.

Proposal would add 2nd-block class fees

By JULIET MARTIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Many know the feelings of anxiety that begin to set in during mid-October when the downslips come out and the grades leave a lot to be desired.

To alleviate this dilemma, students are grateful for the option to drop a class after the drop/add period and pick up a second-block course free of charge.

However, this option may be eliminated because of a new proposal by the Cost and Savings Reductions subcommittee of Faculty Senate.

Under the proposal, which was discussed at the Nov. 30 Student Senate meeting, students would no longer be able to pick up a second-block class without a fee.

"Right now if a student drops a three-credit class in week seven, they can pick up another three credit (class) free," Jeff Knapp, chairman of the Faculty Senate subcommittee, said. "Under the proposal they would have to pay for it."

This proposal is an option the Cost Savings and Reductions committee is looking at to generate revenue and help keep the cost of tuition from going up, Knapp said.

"All students are concerned about tuition increases," he said. "This is just an attempt to help keep tuition costs from raising left and right."

Without a plan to generate funds for the University, the drawbacks to students could be harsh.

"Facilities start to run down and salaries don't keep up," Knapp said. "The better professors move on and we are left with marginal ones."

Students have expressed interest in the proposal.

"We received a unanimous vote at last week's Student Senate meeting, which tells us that students are interested," Knapp said.

Should the proposal be approved, the earliest it would become effective would be the 1995 fall semester.

The University would advertise any changes made in the current second-block policy.

"We would need time for a proper promotion campaign through flyers, posters, banners and Channel 8 to make students aware of the new policy," he said.

Now that the proposal has the support of Student Senate, it will move on to the Faculty Senate Budget committee. From there it would go to the administration and University President Dean Hubbard. The Board of Regents would then make the final decision on the matter.

In other Student Senate happenings, Kevin Kooi announced his resignation as executive Student Senate vice president during the Tuesday meeting.

Kooi will be stepping down from his position permanently as he will be graduating at the end of the semester.

The position will remain vacant until the spring semester begins and members elect a replacement.

Dinner teaches manners

By VANESSA STROPE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Parents try to instill the basics of manners at home, but those manners must extend beyond the home. In order to advance those basic skills, students learned the proper way to dine in a professional atmosphere Wednesday at an etiquette dinner.

The Leadership Development series sponsored the dinner to inform students on the proper way to act during important dinners.

"It's an education program in which a fork is used, in which order entrees come out and there is an etiquette speech which talks students through the meal," Denise Ottinger, dean of students, said.

Debb Tripp, catering manager of Dining Services, led an etiquette speech in the University Club South. Twenty-two students dressed for the experience to help their futures.

"Many groups schedule dinners such as these to teach students the basic table manners that we don't



JON BRITTON/Northwest Missourian
CATERING MANAGER DEBB Tripp discusses an etiquette tip during the Leadership Development series etiquette dinner Wednesday.

always learn in today's fast-food society," Ottinger said.

The meal helped people to learn the proper way to dine and just brush up on their skills, Ottinger said.

Students learned techniques such

as tearing small pieces of bread instead of cutting it and how to pass food.

"Etiquette is very important and something everyone needs to know, so that they can avoid embarrassing situations," Natalie Roberts said.

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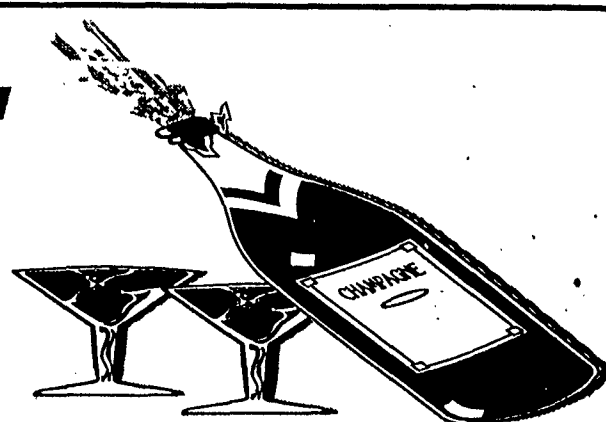
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SOURCE: St. Francis Hospital

By ANDREA FRIEDMAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

This week's falling temperatures and hazardous road conditions are a reminder that winter is here, and travelers need to take extra safety precautions.

One general rule to follow is to not venture out in bad weather unless it is absolutely necessary.

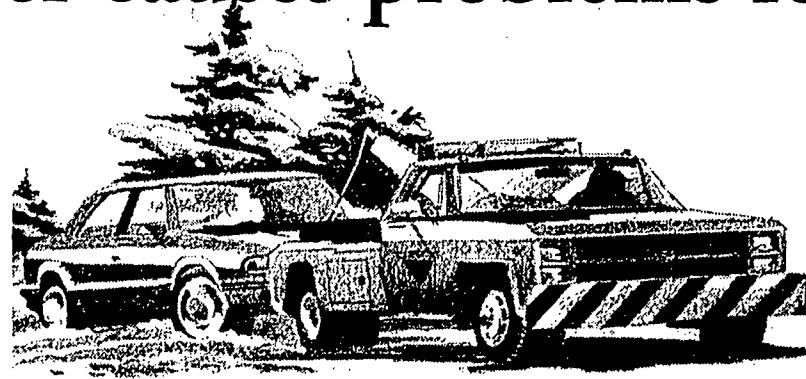
"The biggest problem we see is people falling and going out when they don't need to go out," Connie Thom, registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital, said.

Thom also recommends people need to wear several layers of clothing instead of just one big, bulky coat when they have to go out.

She said people should wear something on their heads and avoid wearing cotton near the skin because cotton can trap moisture and hold it against the skin.

Another winter hazard comes when people get behind the wheels of their cars.

"One of the biggest problems we



have are just people sliding in the ditch," Sgt. David Smith of the Missouri Highway Patrol said.

Smith said if the car does run off the road, stay in the car, because other drivers could also lose control of their cars, which would place the stranded driver in danger if he or she were to walk along the road.

"You should not accept a ride from someone you don't know," he said. "People should just be patient and wait."

An emergency number to call for assistance is 1-800-525-5555 or star-55 from a cellular phone.

However, if one is stranded in the car, one should not leave the engine

running for very long.

"If the tailpipe gets covered up in snow, the carbon monoxide is going to back up in the car," Smith said. "It is a very grave danger."

"We recommend that people not let their car run for more than 10 minutes every hour," he added.

To prepare a car for winter, take it to a service station and have it checked for potential problems.

Have someone check the ignition system, battery, heater, defroster, cooling system, lights, brakes, oil, fuel system, exhaust, windshield wipers and tires.

Dave Hibbs from Hibbs Auto

Supply in Maryville said keeping a car in good condition takes on extra importance during cold weather.

"It doesn't hurt to just tune up the car," Hibbs said. "That holds true for cold weather and hot weather."

"People just notice it more for cold weather," he said. "If a person has trouble in town, it's no biggy, but you could get stranded out along the highway."

Hibbs said during the winter it is important to have the antifreeze checked and to make sure the car's battery is at full power so the car will always start.

Thom said keeping candles and a coffee can in the car can be used to generate heat and light.

Some ways to prevent accidents during bad weather are to reduce speed and increase following distance. Also, learn the road conditions before traveling, Smith said.

A number to call to find out road conditions is 1-800-222-6400.

"If the roads are really bad, we recommend that you do not travel," Smith said.

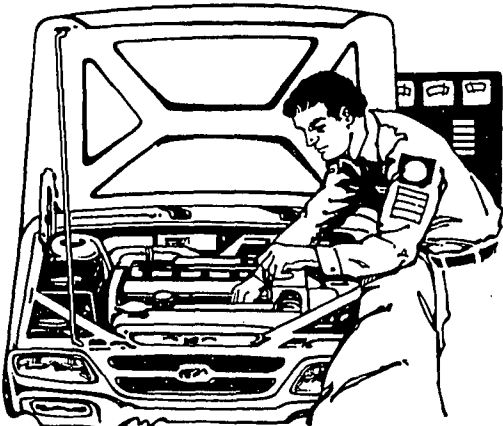
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SPORTSLINE

Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Northwest 76, Avila College 61

	MIN	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Smith	24	3-4	3-3	0-2	2	4	9
Fidler	23	2-6	6-6	0-3	2	3	10
Simon	11	1-6	0-1	0-0	1	0	3
Hoberg	24	1-3	4-4	0-1	2	3	6
Mauer	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Jones	34	3-11	3-4	2-7	0	1	9
Szlanda	22	8-10	3-5	3-10	1	2	19
Jolley	35	5-5	4-5	2-5	0	1	14
Golden	22	2-7	0-0	2-4	3	4	6

TOTALS 200 25-83 23-28 9-33 11 19 78
Percentages: FG—47.2, FT—82.1, 3-Point Goals 34.2, 25.0 (Golden 2-3, Simon 1-5, Fidler 0-1, Smith 0-1, Hoberg 0-1, Mauer 0-1) Team rebounds: 1 Blocked shots: 1 (Jolley) Turnovers: 9 (Fidler) 2, Golden 2, Hoberg, Jones, Szlanda, Golden) Steals: 7 (Fidler 3, Smith, Jones, Szlanda, Golden) Technical fouls: None Attendance: 1,800 (est.)

Saturday, Dec. 3
Northwest 98,
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 75

	MIN	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Blackman	4	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	2	1
Fidler	20	6-9	4-5	1-2	0	3	18
Smith	17	4-8	7-8	1-3	0	3	15
Simon	22	2-3	4-4	0-6	3	2	10
Hoberg	20	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	2	1
Mauer	12	2-3	1-4	0-2	0	3	5
Jones	31	4-8	3-4	0-0	2	2	11
Szlanda	26	5-6	3-6	1-7	2	3	13
Jolley	24	6-9	3-5	5-10	2	4	15
Golden	24	3-9	2-2	0-6	3	3	9

TOTALS 200 32-87 29-42 8-43 12 27 98
Percentages: FG—56.1, FT—69.0, 3-Point Goals 5-10, 50.0 (Blackman 0-1, Fidler 2-3, Simon 2-2, Hoberg 0-1, Golden 1-3) Team rebounds: 7 Blocked shots: 4 (Jolley 2, Szlanda, Fidler) Turnovers: 17 (Jones 4, Fidler 3, Szlanda 3, Golden 3, Simon 2, Mauer, Jolley) Steals: 8 (Mauer 2, Golden 2, Fidler, Smith, Jones, Jolley) Technical fouls: None Attendance: 2,100 (est.)

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 3
Coors Roundball Classic—Denver, Colo.
Consolation Game
Northwest 67, Adams State College 61

	MIN	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Laudont	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Rasmussen	27	3-7	1-2	3-8	0	4	7
Ickes	22	3-6	2-5	3-7	1	3	8
Feaker	22	6-11	4-7	2-2	0	1	16
McCown	5	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	2
Cummings	29	3-6	1-3	1-5	3	0	7
Coy	21	1-10	2-2	3-8	0	2	4
Henry	19	2-5	2-3	1-4	2	1	6
Krohn	20	1-9	1-2	1-4	1	3	3
Oertel	29	4-9	2-2	1-4	3	3	14

TOTALS 200 24-65 15-26 16-46 10 20 67
Percentages: FG—36.9, FT—57.7, 3-Point Goals 4-7, 57.1 (Oertel 4-6, Krohn 0-1) Team rebounds: 4 Blocked shots: 2 (Ickes, Oertel) Turnovers: 24 (Rasmussen 4, Coy 4, Krohn 4, Ickes 3, Oertel 3, McCown 2, Laudont, Feaker, Cummings, Henry) Steals: 10 (Cummings 5, Ickes 3, Feaker, Oertel) Technical fouls: None Attendance: 75

Friday, Dec. 2
Coors Roundball Classic—Denver, Colo.
First Round
Northwest 58, Lewis University 60

	MIN	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Laudont	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Rasmussen	28	2-5	1-3	4-8	1	1	5
Ickes	20	2-6	5-10	2-4	1	4	9
Feaker	28	4-11	4-5	4-6	0	1	12
Bohnsack	15	2-8	3-4	3-6	0	7	7
Cummings	34	2-4	2-3	1-2	3	1	6
Coy	16	2-6	3-4	1-2	0	2	7
Henry	21	0-2	0-2	2-4	2	3	0
Krohn	16	1-8	0-0	1-4	2	1	2
Oertel	21	2-8	5-7	2-4	0	2	10

TOTALS 200 17-58 23-38 20-40 9 15 58
Percentages: FG—29.3, FT—60.5, 3-Point Goals 1-3, 33.3 (Oertel 1-3) Team rebounds: 2 Blocked shots: 1 (Cummings) Turnovers: 16 (Cummings 5, Bohnsack 4, Henry 3, Oertel 2, Feaker, Coy) Steals: 13 (Feaker 3, Cummings 2, Henry 2, Krohn 2, Rasmussen, Bohnsack, Coy, Oertel) Technical fouls: 17:03 2nd Half: NWMSU Bench Attendance: 216

PLAYER WATCH

Amy Krohn

Class: Junior
Hometown: Princeton, Mo. (Princeton HS)
Major: Physical Education
Career stats: Started in all 26 games last year, leading the team in scoring with 13.7 points per game and second in steals with 1.8 per game. In two years of Bearcat basketball is averaging 11 points per game and 3.6 rebounds per game.

This season's stats: Second on the team in scoring with 10.3 points per contest and in three-point percentage, hitting 12 of 27. Named MVP of the Milner Milner Classic.

KEY QUOTE

"The team seems to play better when (forward John Golden) is in there and focused and intense. We have had a couple of good talks a few weeks ago, and he has been really good with his leadership."

—Steve Tappmeyer
Men's head basketball coach

CHIEFS WATCH

LAST WEEK:

Dec. 4: Denver 20 OT
Kansas City 17

NEXT WEEK:

Dec. 12: Kansas City
vs. Miami
at Joe Robbie

Women off to best start since 1991

By COLIN MCDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

After winning five of its first six games this year, the women's basketball team is off to its best start since the 1990-91 season.

The 'Cats only loss came during its recent road trip to the Coors Roundball Invitational at the hands of Adams State College last weekend in Denver, Colo.

However, the Bearcats bounced back from that first-round loss the next night in the tournament's consolation game.

Although Northwest may have suffered its first defeat of the season, it may have lost much more when sophomore forward Justean Bohnsack went down with an injury.

Bohnsack suffered a severe left ankle sprain during Friday's first-round game, Wayne Winstead, women's head coach, said.

"The X-rays showed no break, but we will have to wait until the swelling goes

down to see how much ligament damage she has," he said. "She will definitely be out until the second semester."

Saturday, the Bearcats staged off a furious rally from Adams State to earn its fifth win of the season, 67-61.

Northwest held a 60-44 lead with 5:41 left in the game, but then had to hold off Adams State, as the Indians dropped in a barrage of three-point shots to cut the Bearcats' lead to two points, 63-61.

Sophomore forward Sandi Ickes made a crucial layup and senior guard Mary Henry drained two free throws to give the team its margin of victory.

Ickes was rewarded for her play with a spot on the all-tournament team. She was the only Bearcat to be honored on the team.

Freshman guard Autumn Feaker led the 'Cats with 16 points in Saturday's game of the invitational.

Lewis (Ill.) University handed the 'Cats its first loss of the season in that tournament Friday, 60-58.

Junior guard Julia Oertel hit three free throws after being fouled on a three-point attempt with under a minute to play in the game to cut the Lewis lead to two points.

Northwest was unable to get another shot off and took the two-point loss.

Feaker again led the team in scoring with 12 points.

Meanwhile, sophomore forward Leigh Rasmussen brought out the Windax to clean the backboards, pulling down a team-high eight rebounds.

Rasmussen said it has been important to start off the season with such a good record.

"Since we are a young team, we needed to give ourselves some confidence," she said. "It shows us that we are just as good as older teams that we will face later in the conference season."

Northwest will now prepare for its second extended road trip of the season as the team travels to Evansville, Ind., to compete in the Southern Indiana University Invitational.

Winstead said these extended road trips have brought the team closer together both on and off the court.

"It is kind of a bonding thing with the team," he said. "Everyone learns to respect each other and one another's goals. It has been a good experience for both the players and the coaches."

Oertel said the long trips allowed for the players to get to know each other better.

"The trips have brought us together as a team," she said. "It also helps us play together on the floor as well."

The Indiana tournament should give the team an even better idea of where it stands, Winstead said.

"It is going to be a good test for us," he said. "All of the teams are tough opponents."

Winstead said he was very pleased with the effort in the two games in Denver.

"I was happy with how hard the team played," he said. "The players left everything they had on the floor."

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Wayne Winstead
Women's head basketball coach

Tappmeyer gets 100th win; 'Cats improve to 5-2

By NATE OLSON
CHIEF REPORTER

With Wednesday's win over Avila College, the men's basketball team not only increased its winning streak to three games, but also gave head coach Steve Tappmeyer his 100th career win at Northwest.

In keeping with the spirit of semester finals, the 'Cats will face its toughest test of the young season Friday when it plays Big Eight powerhouse Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

The key to Northwest's 76-61 victory over Avila was the play of junior forward Tom Szlanda.

Szlanda, who leads the team in scoring with an average of 14 points per game, tossed in 19 points and snagged 10 boards.

Szlanda attributes his performance to hard work over the summer and an understanding of Tappmeyer's system.

"I saw a lot of games last year because I only played three games," Szlanda said. "I saw what I needed."

Saturday, the 'Cats stung Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 98-75, at Bearcat Arena.

Up to this point in the season, Tappmeyer said he had not been satisfied with his team's play, but Saturday's game was a turning point.

"I feel a lot better about how we have been playing," he said. "We lacked confidence the first few games, but it seems like things have fallen into place and we are going out and playing hard."

Senior forward Scott Fidler, who scored a team-high 18 points in the 'Cats' win Saturday, said he thinks the past few games have boosted the team's confidence.

"From the start of the season we have been capable, but just did not play up to our potential," Fidler said. "Now we have a lot of confidence and we

have no where to go but up."

Tappmeyer attributes the 'Cats' successes to the team's attitude.

"We talked a lot with our guys about how they were not having fun out on the floor and they were playing hard in practice than they were in games," he said.

After the first four games, Northwest was shooting a lukewarm 42 percent from the field, but in the SIU-Edwardsville game, Tappmeyer's squad shot 56 percent.

Tappmeyer said his team hit the easy shots around the basket Saturday night, which is something it had failed to do in its first four games.

By the same token, the Bearcats were not shooting as well as Tappmeyer would have liked from three-point range. The 'Cats hit just 36 percent of their shots in the first four games.

However, in the SIU-Edwardsville game, Northwest shot 50 percent overall from beyond the three-point arc, including five out of 10 attempts.

"Three-point shooting should be a strength on our team, so we should be shooting well from three-point range," Tappmeyer said.

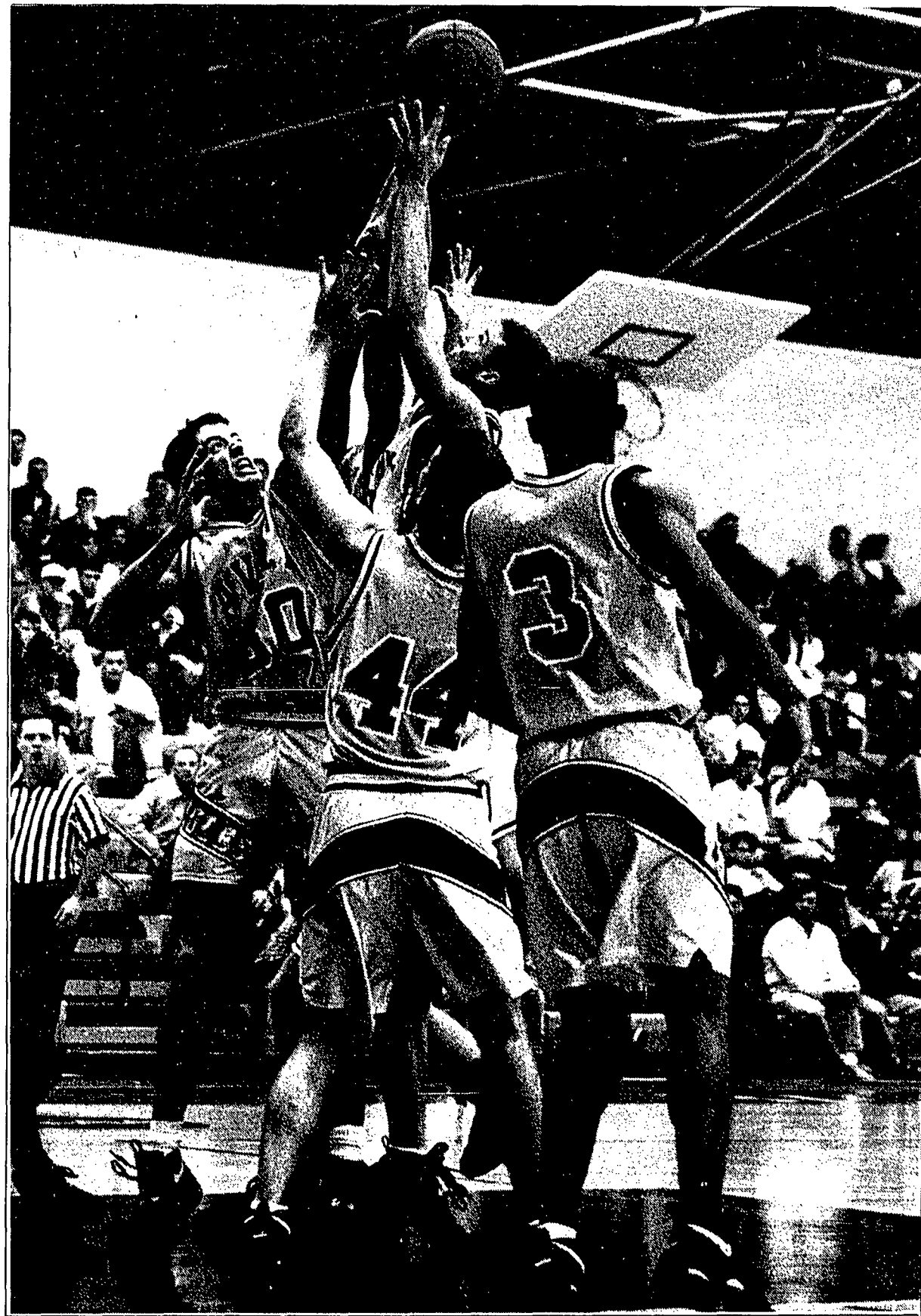
Fidler thinks he and his teammates will begin to be consistent in their shooting because of more practice and mental preparation.

"We have been working a lot on shooting in practice and because we have missed some easy shots in games, all of the guys are concentrating harder," Fidler said.

However, defense is one facet of the game Northwest has managed to execute consistently.

Northwest is third in the MIAA in scoring defense, but Tappmeyer thinks his team can still improve.

"I am pleased we are making progress with our defense, but we need to be more consistent and play at the same level for 40 minutes," he said.



RUSS WEYDERT/Northwest Missourian

SENIOR FORWARD SCOTT Fidler shoots a jump shot over several Avila College defenders during Wednesday night's game at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats feasted on the Eagles, 76-61, to run their record to 5-2 overall.

OFF THE BENCH

Dear Santa Claus, all that we want for Christmas is...



Matthew Breen
Associate Editor



Gene Cassell
Associate Editor

In the tradition of 8-year-olds across the country, and in the spirit of Yuletide joy, we, the sports editors of the *Missourian*, would like to show you what we are wishing for this year from mister "Milk and Cookies" himself, the merry man from the north: jolly old St. Nick.

Dear Santa,

We have been very good this year, as you well know. And we believe that we deserve some rewards for this exemplary behavior.

1. We want you to deliver a win to the Northwest football team during the 1995 season.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is a peach of a guy and the players try really hard. They don't deserve to suffer like this two years in a row.

2. We want 6-foot-3, 290-pound Bearcat forward "Big John" Golden to dunk over 7-foot, 285-pound Bryant "Big Country" Reeves of Oklahoma State University on Friday night.

We know this one would have to be delivered early, but such an astronomical event only comes around as often as Halley's Comet. Besides, ESPN "SportsCenter"

anchors Dan Patrick and Keith Olbermann would get a kick out of it.

3. We would like to wish for "Midnight Madness" basketball exhibitions for both men's and women's basketball teams.

This sports ritual is carried out all over the country in institutions of higher learning far smaller than Northwest. As rabid as Bearcat fans are about their cagers, it would only make sense to show off our teams at the stroke of midnight on Nov. 15.

Besides, most fans are beginning to stagger home from the local drinking establishments about that time anyway.

4. Please, Santa, make Joe Montana retire before he really gets hurt.

We don't want to see the greatest quarterback ever to grace the gridiron be wheeled off the field, flat on his back, for the last time in the payload of a John Deere ATV.

5. We understand that you aren't the genie from Disney's "Aladdin," but could you keep the Buffalo Bills out of the Super Bowl just once?

We don't profess to dislike the AFC's four-year Super Bowl doormat, but just give someone else a chance to play piñata to the

Dallas Cowboys or San Francisco 49ers.

5. Three words — Fire Jim Rome.

ESPN2's brash, abrasive, pain-in-the-ass host of "Talk2" needs to be taken off the air. Who taught him his guerilla warfare journalistic tactics — Rush Limbaugh? This guy has the tact of a 5-year-old and the subtlety of a brick wall.

6. Bring back professional hockey.

Don't get us wrong, we love having both the National Football League and National Basketball Association to satisfy our primal urge for sanctioned violence. But there is just no substitute for a high-speed, high-action sport that gives its players long, aluminum clubs with which to pummel opponents.

7. Round up each and every negotiator directly responsible for the never-ending sports labor disputes and stick them in a locked, windowless room with Jim Rome.

Fans of professional baseball and hockey have been held hostage by the whims of these "stuffed-shirts" who wouldn't know a baseball or hockey puck if it hit them in the head. (Hey, that's not a bad idea.)

Rome and the negotiators deserve each other.

8. To show that we aren't completely selfish, this one is for college sports enthusiasts everywhere — bring Division I-A college football a playoff system.

Every other level of college athletics has playoffs to decide who truly is the national champion. Our applause to the SEC for deciding its football championship where it should be — on the field.

9. (Insert "SportsCenter" theme music here) Our ESPN fantasy would be to see tiny Division II Northwest on the late-night "feel-good" edition of "SportsCenter."

Not for being the team who gave up 250 yards to some all-American ultra-back, or getting skunked by 35 points at Oklahoma State — but for something that paints our University athletics in a favorable light.

Love,

Matthew & Gene

P.S. Thanks for everything and we'll be sure to remember to leave some munchies for you and your reindeer.

We might even find it in our hearts to put out the fire in the fireplace before we go to bed Christmas Eve.

Story by Matt Marckmann

Straight from the sidelines

Chris 'C.J.' Johnson plays to win as coach, former Bearcat player, wants to give back to Northwest

When the nickname "C.J." is heard on campus most people think of one person — Chris Johnson. But what many people do not know is that he is not only a Northwest alumnus, but also the youngest men's assistant basketball coach in the MIAA as well.

Johnson, 24, is the youngest of 15 conference assistant coaches, whose average age is 32, makes Johnson eight years younger than the average age of an MIAA assistant coach.

He attended Northwest for seven years in 1988-93. In 1993 he received his bachelor's degree in social science. He then received his graduate degree in health and physical education last spring.

Johnson works for Northwest not only as a coach, but also as an instructor of Racquetball, Lifetime Wellness and Lifetime Wellness Lab.

"He (Johnson) brings a lot to our staff — knowledge, enthusiasm, and he's a very good communicator," Steve Tappmeyer, men's head basketball coach, said.

Johnson attended Crete High School in Crete, Neb., where he was a multi-sport athlete involved in both basketball and football.

He had numerous accomplishments in both sports but was most successful in basketball.

Johnson was named to the Nebraska High School Basketball second-team Super State during his senior year in high school, an honor that he considers one of his biggest accomplishments.

Not only was this one of Johnson's proudest moments as a high school athlete, but it was this particular honor which caught the attention of the Northwest coaching staff.

The 1988-89 basketball season marked the rookie campaigns of both Johnson and Tappmeyer, with whom Johnson feels a special kinship.



CHRIS TUCKER/Northwest Missourian

BEARCAT ASSISTANT COACH Chris Johnson applauds the 'Cats' efforts during an exhibition basketball game at Bearcat Arena against the Russian Red Army Air Force Team Nov. 14.

"My freshman year was Coach Tappmeyer's first year, so we've been together for the last seven years," Johnson said. "Sometimes I feel he can read my mind, and sometimes I feel I can read his."

Johnson played four years of varsity basketball for the Bearcats, cracking the starting lineup in his sophomore season.

He also had numerous accomplishments while at Northwest. The most important to Johnson is the ac-



CHRIS TUCKER/Northwest Missourian

AS THE YOUNGEST assistant in the MIAA, Chris Johnson shouts out instructions to the Bearcat cagers. "C.J." is eight years younger than the average full-time assistant conference coach.

ademic all-conference award he received as a senior.

Although Johnson had a feeling that he wanted to be a basketball coach, it was not until his collegiate career was over that Johnson knew he wanted to coach.

"It really hit me after I got done playing basketball, but I kind of knew I would be a coach all along," Johnson said. "I don't think there is any other sport better than basketball. I feel that it's God's sport."

This feeling about basketball appears to run through-

out Crete, because longtime friend and teammate Kiley Roelfs also believes this and is a member of the Northwest coaching staff as graduate assistant, and he is also a former Bearcat cager.

He is not only a friend of Johnson, but also has great respect for his coaching ability.

"I think (Johnson's) a great young coach and very enthusiastic," he said. "He can get everything out of his players."

Roelfs is not the only person involved with Bearcat athletics who thinks Johnson can get his players to give their all on the basketball court.

Senior forward Scott Fidler said he believes each player respects Johnson because he is a great motivator in addition to being a good coach.

"Motivation is Johnson's coaching strong point," Fidler said. "He can really get his players to give it their all."

Johnson says he is also very excited to get a chance to showcase these unique abilities at Northwest because the University and the coaching staff have helped him so much in his collegiate career.

"I would like to see Northwest win a conference championship, a national championship and to get Tappmeyer some national recognition," Johnson said. "This school has given me so much and I would like to give it back."

Johnson said among other things, he has aspirations to coach at the NCAA Division I level some day.

"That's everyone's dream, but I definitely think he's capable of it," Tappmeyer said. "His ability to relate to players and work ethic will help him to attain this goal."

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DURING A TIME-OUT, assistant coach Chris Johnson listens in the Bearcats' huddle. Johnson, a former Northwest basketball player, is still getting used to his new position off the court.

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Hate speech

WHAT ARE
YOU
AFRAID
OF...
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Hate speech prevalent in politically correct world

Story by
Fay Dahlquist
Jimmy Meyers
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Slant-eyed, yellow-bellied slope, Gook, Spic, Mick, Wetback, fag, dike, Commie, Honky, Nigger, Polack, redneck, Skinheaded racist pig or Jew boy; these words are everywhere and they bite into the very being of people of every race, creed, color, gender, religion and sexual orientation.

Even though this is the age of political correctness, hate speech is alive and even more prevalent than before.

One group that has been associated with the hate of anyone, other than the Aryan race, is the skinheads.

Skinheads are typically identified by the shaved heads, Doc Martens and flight jackets that make them stick out like a sore thumb. Although they are seen in many large cities and small towns, they are not prevalent in Maryville.

Skinheads are the topic of many talk shows, such as Geraldo, who has featured them several times and once got his nose broken by one such guest. Their conversation is hateful and slanderous to all races except the white, Anglo-Saxon Caucasian. They like to call themselves the Aryan race, using the same term Adolf Hitler coined.

The Starkwethers, a Kansas City/Columbia, Mo., based band, recently played at Davies Uptown in Kansas City when a skirmish occurred over a song about burning the American flag.

According to an article that ran in *The New Times*, a newspaper in Kansas City, a "skinhead" took offense and knocked the lead singer to the floor. After some talking and calming down, the man returned to his seat and the band continued with their show.

"The article totally blew the whole incident out of proportion," Mike Markowitz, an employee of Davies Uptown, said. "(The reporter) said the guy was a skinhead just because he had a shaved head."

However, people are now developing a new type of hate speech by trying to avoid these hateful words. The newest tradition is politically correct speech.

Those who are "politically correct" try to use phrases that hamper no one, such as sanitary engineer instead of custodian. There are even posters out on the market that have sexy men and women with a politically correct guide on how to refer to them.

When it comes to describing one's ethnicity, however, it is tougher to pinpoint. Northwest's student body is made up of several nationalities, such as Turkey, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland, Japan, and England.

Applying labels to these nationalities can be confusing. For example, African-American is now the preferred title for what was once Negro, black, colored and Afro-American.

Student groups, such as International Student Organization and Hispanic American Leadership Organization, do what they can to protect the rights of these minorities.

Carleane Hawkins, an Alliance of Black Collegians member, said the group meets twice a month to discuss issues dealing not only with African American students, but also with other minority students as well.

"We have group discussions about any problems that any minority group has," Hawkins said.

Coming from a predominantly black neighborhood, Hawkins knew she would expose herself to new experiences at Northwest.

"I knew I had to get out and experience different cultures — that's what college is all about," she said. "Sometimes I get stares from people, but it doesn't bother me. I'm confident in who I am."

Several years ago Student Senate recognized another minority as an official organization on campus. Gay and Lesbian Tolerance at Northwest is another group that experiences ridicule.

Rich Trulson, GALTAN president, remembers

when obscenities were yelled in his residence hall.

"It hurts, yeah," he said. "But there's nothing I can do about it so I don't let it bother me anymore."

Other GALTAN members have had things, labeling them as gay, taped or hung on their doors.

"I've seen our straight members more harassed about being gay supposedly, than our gay members are harassed at all," Trulson said.

Religion is also a way for some to vent their anger on others.

Christian Hornbaker told of one man who had to be escorted from the Holocaust presentation in October when he refused to stop asking one of the presenters a question.

"There was one lady who said how when the bombing started, that she just prayed to God that it would stop," Hornbaker said. "Well, during the question and answer session, one guy got up and said, 'You mentioned something about praying to God ma'am. Well, which god were you referring to?' He kept pushing the issue and ended up having to be led from the theater."

To bring awareness to the problem of hate speech, television has started running anti-hate public service announcements.

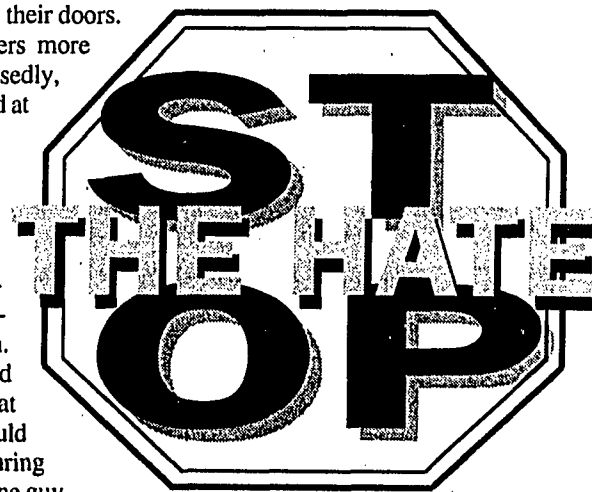
USA began an 18-month anti-hate campaign on Aug. 25, dealing with every form of hatred, such as violence, homophobia and gangs.

Pete Holligner, media director for USA, said the campaign began after a made-for-TV movie about urban violence, called "Silent Witness: What a Child Saw," ran on USA.

USA has produced a one-hour special, four public service announcements and eight one-minute features for the "In a Minute Children's Series."

Holligner said people affiliated with school systems and police departments throughout the country have been requesting a copy of the one-hour special they showed.

For students interested in learning more about hate speech, other programs and information are becoming available on campus and through the media.



Christmas videos delight movie lovers

By MIKE JOHNSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There is no place like home for the holidays and few places are more comfortable than in front of a glowing TV set watching holiday classics on video.

Here is a sampling of the best of the video store pickings:

"A Christmas Story" - Christmas movies don't get any more charming than this little film about a boy's quest for a Red Ryder BB gun.

"Porky's" director Bob Clark is responsible for this gem.

"Miracle on 34th Street" - Accept no substitutes. Natalie Wood is at her most precocious as the little girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus.

Oscar-winner Edmund Gwinn is the definitive man in red, especially during the ending trial scene which ranks among the screen's best.

"It's a Wonderful Life" - It's scary, it's sentimental and it's cloying, but the Frank Capra film is still a favorite on wish lists during the holidays.

"Scrooged" - Critics griped and sneered, but audiences cheered this updated version of "A Christmas Carol" starring the king of smirk, Bill Murray.

"Mickey's Christmas Carol" - Disney does Dickens with Scrooge McDuck as the grouchy miser.



CATHERINE O'HARA and Macaulay Culkin portray a mother and son who get separated from each other at

Christmas time in New York City in the hugely popular comedy, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

It's cute and sweet. However, beware of Mickey, who is so annoying as Bob Cratchit that it is easy to see where Tiny Tim got his lameness.

"Home Alone" and "Home Alone 2" - See the movies that made Macaulay Culkin into the super brat he is now.

While the second film reeks of

commercialism, they are both charming movies with good performances from everyone, particularly Catherine O'Hara and Culkin.

"Ordinary People" - For those in the mood for more serious fare, this brilliant study of a family trying to recover from a family member's death

at Christmas is perfectly cathartic.

Robert Redford won a Best Director Oscar and Mary Tyler Moore forever erased her Prozac stereotype as the mother from hell.

So get the popcorn, cuddle up with a loved one or favorite pillow and enjoy the warm glow of the holidays.

THE STROLLER

Your Man dreams about having white Christmas



Yours Truly gets bad case of holiday blues

Your Man is blue. As suicide rates rise steadily with the upcoming holiday, he finds himself ready to jump out his dorm window.

Finals loom with a presense the professors emphasize by lecturing non-stop and throwing every strange equation and historical fact in the book at the poor, unassuming student.

Papers that have been put off until tomorrow are now due today. While the bar lights loom brightly in the distance, I hover over my computer writing about stuff I could care less about.

Products line store shelves screaming, "Buy me!" and cheerful store clerks secretly curse the day they were born.

The only fun is tripping little rosy-faced brats who are wondering what Santa will leave them underneath the tree.

Christmas decorations litter the streets as people try to find some semblance of cheer and lustre. However, behind the showy lights and plastic snowmen, dysfunction looms.

Why is Your Man so pessimistic? Is it because Barbara decided to try out the other fish in the sea?

Or could it be because Kenny G has actually hit No. 1 on the charts?

No, the reason Your Man has the blues is because there's no snow. It's December and all we have had is light flurries. It just doesn't seem like Christmas.

There are no snow angels, no name writing, no sledding and no snowballs while I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. Global warming not only took aerosol cans away, but snow as well and it makes this raving environmentalist mad.

I had my first date on a snowy night. Her name was Ann. It was cold outside but we were very warm on the soft plush backseat cushions of my old Cutlass. My lips were chapped the next day for more than one reason.

Now, instead of snow, we have reruns of the same old Christmas schlock, a new movie starring a man with an annoying grunt and a Kathie Lee Gifford Christmas special.

Even the Salvation Army bell ringers don't take the time to dress up or even smile—they just take the money and ring their bell.

Right now, the refrigerator with vodka-spiked eggnog is luring me to try some of the true Christmas spirits.

'Tis the season to be jolly?

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WEEKEND PLANNER

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Smashing new release shows change in band

'Pisces Iscariot'

★★★ (out of four)

Artist: Smashing Pumpkins
Reviewer: Paul Buchanan

Smashing Pumpkins' new CD, "Pisces Iscariot," is not just another boring collection of "B" sides. Instead, it is comparable to other LPs produced by U2 or R.E.M. This is a collection of heart more than anything.

Its lyrics are strong and exciting and create songs that make you want to do something. "Girl Named Sandoz" is a prime example of how they connect feeling with excitement once again.

Billy Corgan spent time refining his voice for this album. There is less of his whining vocals on this album, and more that are surprisingly on key.

He still manages to produce that classic feeling his voice usually emits, yet his enhanced voice goes deeper in range.

Smashing Pumpkins still manages to produce its usual electro-static guitar riffs emitting an excitement in

"Frail and Bedazzled," which follows a more subtle heart-filling song, "Soothe."

This is an example of its wave-like mixing of soothing and exploding music—an emotional roller coaster of music.

Finally we have a group who doesn't have to be on MTV's "Unplugged" to realize that it does not need high-tech music to have good music.

The use of acoustic guitar on its songs is a wonderful refreshing change from the headache of chainsaw music.

The music is clear and crisp, letting you dive into the emotions and feelings of the songs.

The big drawback to the album is the drum beat, which is reproduced from slow song to song. The only way it seems to change is in pace and volume.

This album has turned out to be more than just "B" sides for the band's singles off the first album. "Siamese Dreams." The album is definitely an improvement for the band.

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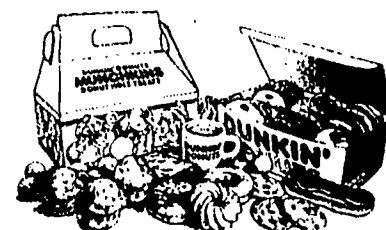
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